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Target Data in Vietnam

Gen. William C. Westmoreland, U.S. commander in Vietnam, has ordered the American military command in Saigon to set up its own intelligence network. Westmoreland wants his own "target" data on Viet Cong hideouts before committing U.S. troops to battle.

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Oswald on Trial

A London committee is planning to sponsor a public mock trial of Lee Harvey Oswald, based mainly on the writings of Mark Lane and Hugh Trevor-Roper. According to David Ensor, one of three left-wing British M.P.'s on the committee, the group will meet when Parliament re-assembles in October. A U.S. official in London commented: "If Oswald's trial is based on Lane's writings, it will certainly be a mockery."

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Moscow's Purse Strings

Can Egypt's President Nasser expect another big helping of economic and military aid during his upcoming visit to Moscow? Chances are not too good, claim Soviet sources. Says one official: "A lot of these nations have to start helping themselves."

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Operation Success

Pentagon press chief Arthur Sylvester couldn't be happier over the just-ended \$100,000 "Operation Candor." Says Sylvester of the program under which 84 newsmen visited Saigon: "There is no question in my mind but that coverage from Vietnam improved. More mature, varied and objective reporting resulted. You had reporters taking a fresh look and from all angles. I think it was a success."

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Saigon Volunteers

Despite the controversy over Maj. Gen. Edward Lansdale's reappointment as special assistant to U.S. Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge in Saigon (page 29), he has solid support in some government circles. The retired Air Force officer has been flooded with several hundred requests to join his staff, including many from high-ranking jobholders in the Pentagon and State Department. Lansdale, however, likes to work with a small staff and has turned most of them down.

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